

## **CFHS TRANSITION FAIR TO TUCSON-AREA STUDENTS: “Unlock Your Future”**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** To growing acclaim over the last three years, Catalina Foothills High School is host to a Transition and Resource Fair providing valuable information from more than twenty outside agencies. The event, held this year on November 4th, is open to all secondary students who receive Special Education and/or 504 services, along with their families and teachers.

Titled “Unlock Your Future,” the fair is planned by the Catalina Foothills School District’s Transition Team led by CFSD Director of Special Services Dr. Nancy Sergeant-Abbate, CFHS Principal Dr. Angela Chomokos, Transition Coordinator Rhonda King and CFHS Assistant Principal Laura Manning.

“Our goal is to connect all Tucson special education students with important community services to help ease the transition from high school to adult responsibilities,” said Dr. Chomokos. “This program is an avenue for our transition team to share their expertise, professional connections and community resources with students throughout greater Tucson. It demonstrates that how, at Foothills, we believe in the power of college and career readiness for all students.”

“We have seen a growing need in our Tucson community for this type of outreach,” said Dr. Sergeant-Abbate. “Transition services for students' with disabilities to post secondary education, vocational education and integrated employment (including supported employment) are of paramount importance in balancing classroom studies with real world application.”

“The Transition Fair gives families the opportunity to meet service providers in a familiar, welcoming place,” added Ms. King. “Many times they tell us that they did not know that these community resources were available to them after graduation.”

Yesterday’s breakout sessions included presentations by the Access and Disability Resource Center at Pima Community College, Strategic Alternative Learning Techniques (SALT), and WorkAbility. Eegee’s, Frost, Chipotle, Fry’s and Golf ‘n’ Stuff provided donations of door prizes, refreshments and supplies.

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